
NOTES
of the
WORKSHOP
held
1:00 pm - Long Term Plan - Community Funding Review,
Tuesday, 28 April 2026
at
Tasman Council Chamber, 189 Queen Street, Richmond

Present: Mayor T King, Deputy Mayor B Maru, Councillors C Butler, J Ellis, K Ferneyhough, M Greening, J Gully, M Hume, M Kininmonth, K Maling, D McNamara, P Morgan, T Neubauer, T Walker and D Woods

In Attendance: A Smith, A Bywater, J Ridd, S McLean, Y Panfylova, M Parker, P Jamison, K Lee, and D Fletcher

1 WORKSHOP TOPIC

2 APOLOGIES

Mayor T King, Councillor P Morgan

3 WORKSHOP MATERIAL

3.1 Community Funding Review

Presenter: A Smith

Background: This workshop sought direction from elected members on options for the development of a community funding framework. It focused on why the Council provides this funding and how we could do so under a formalised framework, rather than what the Council funds and whom or which groups (which is a later LTP conversation)

Key discussion points:

- Context for the review and the current state,
 - Feedback from early engagement, potential improvements and what's working well
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- Scan of the components of other council's funding frameworks or policies
- Guiding principles for developing a funding framework
- Types of funding, eligibility and criteria, application process, decision making, reporting and accountability

General workshop themes/Emerging issues:

- Support for a tiered funding model, with eligibility, criteria and reporting scaled by tier to meet community needs.
- Generally want to be involved in decision making, but make it streamlined and easier.

Next steps: A further workshop to

- provide further information including on the current complexities of our funding process;
- discuss options for easier/simpler grant management, decision making and reporting;
- consider a draft framework and mapping of funding streams and suggested changes

WORKSHOP OUTCOMES AND NEXT STEPS

Outcomes (delete as appropriate)

1. *Information provided to elected members*
2. *Possible options workshopped*
3. *Elected member feedback obtained*

Next Steps (delete as appropriate)

1. *Further workshop(s) to be scheduled*